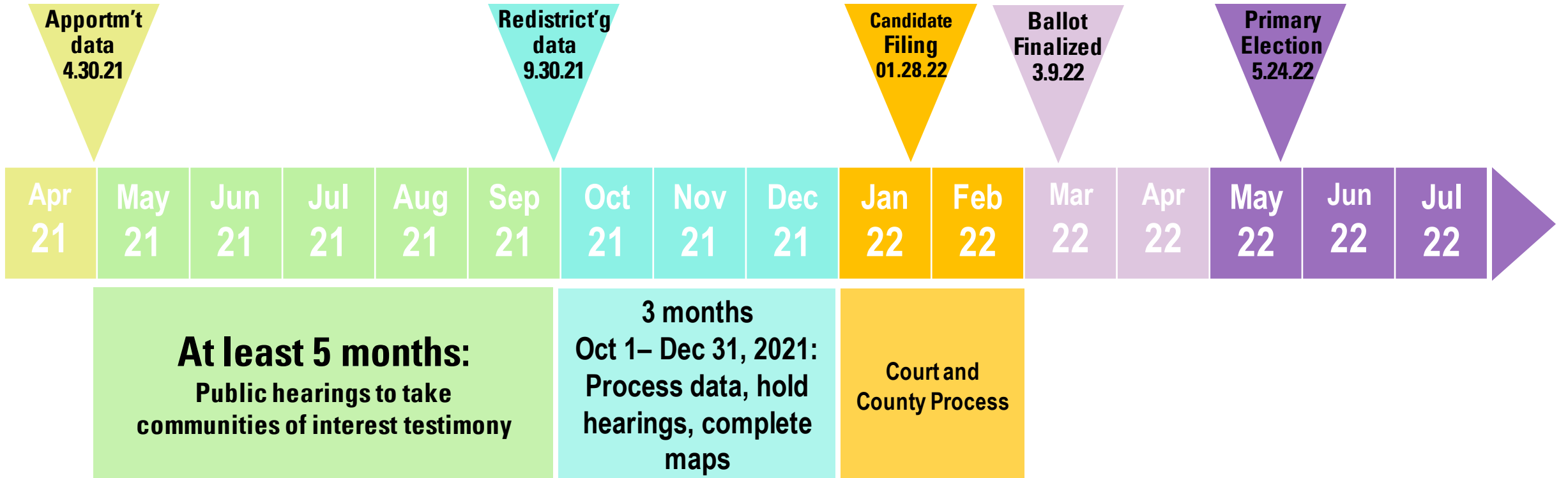
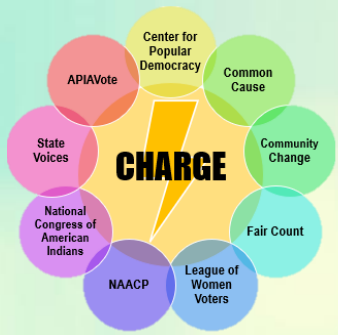


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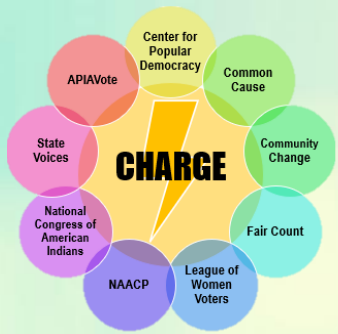




Redistricting Rules: Alabama Rules

Who draws the lines?

- ▶ By statute, the legislature draws congressional and state legislative lines, which are subject to gubernatorial veto



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What are the mapping rules?

- ▶ Federal **equal population** requirements and adherence to the **Voting Rights Act** and constitutional rules on race
- ▶ State Senate districts must be “as nearly equal to each other in the number of inhabitants as may be” (Ala. Const. art. IX, § 200)
- ▶ State legislative districts must be contiguous and follow county lines, except where they would not comply with other legal requirements (Ala. Const. art. IX, § 200)
- ▶ In 2011, the legislature adopted additional guidelines for redistricting, but it is unclear if they will adopt them again.